



# Fact Sheet

## Area Clearance Course (ACC)

### SITUATION

1. **Introduction.** The purpose of this course is to produce qualified and capable trainers with the resources, knowledge, and doctrinal understanding relevant to Area Clearance Train-the-Trainer Operations. This will allow units to prepare, conduct and plan clearance operations to defeat explosive hazard threats in their theater of operations.
2. Training is relative to both OIF and OEF Theaters of Operations.
3. **Purpose.** The purpose of this fact sheet is to inform units, and selected personnel, of the course requirements. This document details requirements that are critical to the successful delivery of the Area Clearance Course.
4. **MTT Availability:** No MTT is available.

### MISSION

5. Prepares leaders with the capability of meeting their unit's training needs as they pertain to mine detection and area clearance operations independent of outside resources.

### EXECUTION

6. **Intent.** The Counter Explosive Hazards Center (CEHC) will conduct the Area Clearance Course Training
7. **Concept.** This is structured as a 4-day event. The course begins with an introduction to Area Clearance, followed by Area Clearance Operations methods, using manual and mechanical clearance techniques and equipment followed by student-led engineer training presentation and student-led clearance practical exercise.
  - a. The ACC consist of an overview of current doctrine using FM 20-32 Change 5 and FM 3-34.210 (Final Draft) and provides students with an understanding of the Way Ahead. International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) are used as the historical foundation for the shift in the Cold War doctrine to meet emerging threats.
  - b. The Technical Survey lesson provides students an understanding of how a potential hazard area is marked, mapped and used for establishing future clearance planning. The Manual Clearance lesson provides an understanding of site outlay, safety considerations and execution of the "One Man Drill".
  - c. The Theory of Metal Detection is a complete lesson on the Safety of Use Message (SOU) for the AN/PSS-12 and an overview of the characteristics of the AN/PSS-14. The

course also provides and understanding of the basic fundamental of metal detection and is completed by a demonstration.

d. An equipment overview and demonstration provides leaders with an understanding of mechanical means available and the capabilities, limitation and TTPs used for potential site layout. The equipment reviewed is the MV-4 (Flail), Berm Sifter and MCAP. The format used for each course is basically the classroom portion of the Operator Course for each piece of equipment.

e. A Mine Dog briefing and demonstration is given by the Mine Dog Detachment on operation and capabilities of dogs and handlers.

f. This course requires students to take and successfully complete a written exam, present lesson(s) in order to demonstrate an understanding of the material and execute the “One Man Drill”.

8. To maximize the ‘train the trainer’ concept, commanders should identify and select only those personnel, within their units, that are ideally suited to conduct future unit training. The following guidelines apply:

a. **Class size.** Class size will be restricted to 18 PAX per course.

b. **Rank.** Students attending ACC must be in the rank of Squad/Team Leader Sergeant (E-5) to Captain (O-3). Variations to this rank structure must be coordinated through CEHC operations.

## **COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS**

9. **Reporting Procedure:** Students are to report at 0730 on the first day of the training at Building 786 see enclosure 3, Training starts at 0800. Any student reporting after the training starts (0800) will not be permitted to attend the course. Release time is **no earlier than 1600 on the final day of training.**

10. **Point of Contact.** Once personnel arrive for training on Day 1 a class leader and/or a representative from each branch of service will be appointed as the POC for that branch.

a. The instructor will compile a student roster with the names, ranks, MOS, and email address of personnel attending the class and forward it to CEHC operations, see enclosure 2.

11. **Training Schedule.** The schedule for Area Clearance Course is Enclosure 1.

12. **Transportation:** The CEHC can not move students between training areas, students need a rental car for transportation to and from airport (FLW, STL, or Springfield, MO) and in and around FLW. It is recommended that units rent vehicle to move students.

13. **Travel:** Please be advised that when scheduling return flights that the minimum drive time to the St. Louis Airport from FLW is 2½ hours and the Springfield Airport from FLW is 1½ hours and a minimum of 1 hour for check-in at the airport. Please allow maximum time of returning personnel from the release of training to scheduled flight times.

14. **Holidays:** Training will be conducted on Training Holidays; they are **not** recognized as time off. CEHC recognizes only Federal Holidays.

## **SERVICE AND SUPPORT**

15. **Lodging:** Links can be found on the CEHC website for local area hotels.

16. (<http://www.wood.army.mil/cehc/LocalInfoPage>) The TSB can provide limited barracks if available. Phone: 573.596.0131 ext. 6-5888 or 573.596.0131 ext. 6-2319

17. **Meals:** Many Dining Facilities are available on FLW, Mo; however distance can vary from .5 miles to 12 miles from the training areas. Meals can be arranged by contacting the FLW Dining Facilities Manager at 573-596-1774.

## **18. Equipment:**

- a. Duty Uniform
- b. IBA and LBE
- c. Kevlar Helmet
- d. Wet weather gear
- e. Appropriate cold weather gear for practical training.
- f. Hydration system
- g. Patrol cap
- h. Road guard vest

19. **Student Training Material.** Each student will be provided with a handout/note sheet.

## **COMMAND AND SIGNAL**

20. **Certification.** The instructors will keep attendance rosters of students attending training. Copies of attendance rosters will be made available to the host unit on request. Soldiers that do not attend all of the training will not be certified. Soldiers that have appointments during the days of training should re-schedule those appointments.

21. Students will be required to fill out a course critique at the conclusion of training.

22. **Contacting the CEHC.** For scheduling, CEHC can be contacted on the following numbers.

- a. **Scheduling.** (573) 563-3974, (573) 563-3994.

**Web Site:** [www.wood@army.mil/cehc](http://www.wood@army.mil/cehc)

**Enclosures:**

1. ACC Course Schedule
2. ACC Student Roster
3. Ft Leonard Wood Strip Map

## Strip Map for CEHC Training Areas

